



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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S. 1279

Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Demonstration Act Amendments of 1998

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on April 1, 1998

S. 1279 would transfer federal responsibility for demonstration programs under the Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992 from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to the Office of Self-Governance (OSG), both at the Department of the Interior. It would allow tribal governments and Alaska Native organizations to include programs that emphasize job creation within a demonstration program, subject to certain limits and conditions. The bill also would expand the scope of demonstration programs under the act and would change various administrative requirements.

CBO estimates that enacting S. 1279 would have no significant impact on the federal budget. Based on information provided by BIA, CBO estimates that the discretionary costs associated with the transfer of responsibility from BIA to OSG would be less than \$10,000. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

S. 1279 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments. Tribes would benefit from enactment of provisions in this bill that would allow them to consolidate additional grant programs into a single demonstration project, seek waivers of statutory requirements associated with the consolidated programs, and use part of the project funds for private sector job training. Alaska Native Corporations would further benefit from the provision allowing regional consortia to represent individual, regional or village corporations.

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